THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) On the basis of a proposal received from the National Dairy Development Board for launching of their new oil brand 'Lok Dhara', blending of any two edible oil in general has already been permitted under PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 *vide* Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Gazette notification GSR 91 (E) dated 7-2-1992.

परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को धनराशि का आवंटन

3086. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 29 दिसम्बर, 1991 के टाइम्स आफ इंडिया में "अलॉटमेंट आन फेमिली प्लानिंग प्रोग्राम" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1991-92 के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश में परिवार कल्याण के कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन के लिए आवंटित कुल धनराशि में से दिसम्बर, 1991 तक केवल 50 प्रतिशत से कुछ अधिक धनराशि ही प्रदान की गयी है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि राज्य सरकार ने अनेक बार विभिन्न प्रकार से इस तथ्य की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित किया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए 8187.70 लाख रुपए के निर्दिष्ट आवंटन के मुकाबले, 4092.65 लाख रुपये की राशि दिसम्बर, 1991 तक परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को रिलीज की गई थी । उसके बाद जनवरी और फरवरी 1992 माह में 4859.42 लाख रुपये की और धनराशि राज्य सरकार को रिलीज की गई है ।

Rate of blindness

3087. **SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of blindness in the country has increased from 11.92 million in 1988 to 12.56 million in 1991;

(b) if so, what are the major causes thereof;

(c) whether any International Conference of Eye-Specialists was held recently in the Capital; if so, what latest preventive measures were suggested to control diseases pertaining to eyes/blindness;

(d) what is the present number of Eye-Banks operating in the country indicating the stock of eyes donated to such Banks during 1991-92; and

(e) what are Government's targets to control blindness in the country by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The prevalence rate of blindness in the country is 1.49 per cent as revealed by the WHO-NPCB Survey 1986—89. Based on 1989 estimated population of 800 million, the estimated number of blind persons is 11.92 millions. With the increase in population and life expectancy, the number of blind persons has also increased.

(c) Yes Sir. A number of Conferences were held nothing new has been brought to Govt's notice in terms of preventive measures.

(d) At present there are 146 Eye Banks functioning in the country. The information regardig stock of eyes, donated to these Eye Bans during 1991-92, is not available.

(e) The Government's ultimate goal for control of blindness is to reduce the prevalence rate of blindness to 0.3 per cent by 2000 A.D.

NPA to Government Doctors

3088. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 221 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are paying Non-Practising Allowance (NPA) to the Government Doctors; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking against those Doctors indulging in Private Practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some complaints were received against the Registrar-cum-Secretary, Central Council of Homoeopathy and certain officers of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy. In this regard, a reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 221 was given on July 16, 1991. As regards the complaint against the Principal, Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College, New Delhi, doing private practice, the same has been got investigated by the Delhi Administration and the officer has been charge sheeted. Further action is being taken by the Delhi Administration, as per rules.

Inferior quality of imported condoms

3089. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to stop the import of condoms;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that imported condoms have been found to be of inferior quality and health authorities have no control over the imported products in packages with objectional photographs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At present the indigenous production capacity is more than sufficient to meet the requirement of the country and strict quality control is exercised on indigenously maufactured condom. Valuable foreign exchange can be saved if condomns are not imported.

(c) The Imports and Exports Policy 1990-91 allows the import of coloured condoms under Open General Licence (OGL). Drugs Controller (India), while approving the import of coloured condoms calls for specimen samples along with catch covers and a Free Sale Certificate of the Ministry of Health of the exporting country. Drugs Controller (India) has not approved any import of coloured condoms packed in objectionable photographs. The Government of India have notified the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad as statutory Labs-